

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re: HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT GROUP, § Case No. 15-28724-JKS

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Debtor(s)

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**CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE'S FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION  
REPORT CERTIFICATION THAT THE ESTATE HAS BEEN FULLY ADMINISTERED  
AND APPLICATION TO BE DISCHARGED (TDR)**

STEVEN P. KARTZMAN, chapter 7 trustee, submits this Final Account,  
Certification that the Estate has been Fully Administered and Application to be Discharged.

1) All funds on hand have been distributed in accordance with the Trustee's Final Report and, if applicable, any order of the Court modifying the Final Report. The case is fully administered and all assets and funds which have come under the trustee's control in this case have been properly accounted for as provided by law. The trustee hereby requests to be discharged from further duties as a trustee.

2) A summary of assets abandoned, assets exempt, total distributions to claimants, claims discharged without payment, and expenses of administration is provided below:

Assets Abandoned: <u>\$125,060.00</u> (without deducting any secured claims)	Assets Exempt: <u>N/A</u>
Total Distribution to Claimants: <u>\$498,120.30</u>	Claims Discharged Without Payment: <u>N/A</u>
Total Expenses of Administration: <u>\$429,860.46</u>	

3) Total gross receipts of \$ 927,980.76 (see **Exhibit 1**), minus funds paid to the debtor and third parties of \$ 0.00 (see **Exhibit 2**), yielded net receipts of \$927,980.76 from the liquidation of the property of the estate, which was distributed as follows:

	CLAIMS SCHEDULED	CLAIMS ASSERTED	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
SECURED CLAIMS (from <b>Exhibit 3</b> )	\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PRIORITY CLAIMS:				
CHAPTER 7 ADMIN. FEES AND CHARGES (from <b>Exhibit 4</b> )	0.00	429,860.46	429,860.46	429,860.46
PRIOR CHAPTER ADMIN. FEES AND CHARGES (from <b>Exhibit 5</b> )	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRIORITY UNSECURED CLAIMS (from <b>Exhibit 6</b> )	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS (from <b>Exhibit 7</b> )	1,770,000.00	11,265,012.20	888,631.20	498,120.30
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,870,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,694,872.66</b>	<b>\$1,318,491.66</b>	<b>\$927,980.76</b>

4) This case was originally filed under Chapter 7 on October 03, 2015.  
The case was pending for 71 months.

5) All estate bank statements, deposit slips, and canceled checks have been submitted to the United States Trustee.

6) An individual estate property record and report showing the final accounting of the assets of the estate is attached as **Exhibit 8**. The cash receipts and disbursements records for each estate bank account, showing the final accounting of the receipts and disbursements of estate funds is attached as **Exhibit 9**.

Pursuant to Fed R Bank P 5009, I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing report is true and correct.

Dated: 09/03/2021 By: /s/STEVEN P. KARTZMAN  
Trustee

**STATEMENT:** This Uniform Form is associated with an open bankruptcy case, therefore, Paperwork Reduction Act exemption 5 C.F.R. § 1320.4(a)(2) applies.

**EXHIBITS TO  
FINAL ACCOUNT**

**EXHIBIT 1 –GROSS RECEIPTS**

DESCRIPTION	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE <sup>1</sup>	\$ AMOUNT RECEIVED
10,500 SHARES IN ASPEN UNIVERSITY	1229-000	8,271.62
AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS	1241-000	919,690.75
Interest Income	1270-000	18.39
<b>TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$927,980.76</b>

<sup>1</sup>The Uniform Transaction Code is an accounting code assigned by the trustee for statistical reporting purposes.

**EXHIBIT 2 –FUNDS PAID TO DEBTOR & THIRD PARTIES**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	\$ AMOUNT PAID
	None		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS PAID TO DEBTOR AND THIRD PARTIES</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**EXHIBIT 3 –SECURED CLAIMS**

CLAIM NO.	CLAIMANT	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	CLAIMS SCHEDULED (from Form 6D)	CLAIMS ASSERTED	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
NOTFILED	Roland Van Liew	4110-000	1,100,000.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
<b>TOTAL SECURED CLAIMS</b>			<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**EXHIBIT 4 –CHAPTER 7 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES and CHARGES**

PAYEE	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	CLAIMS SCHEDULED	CLAIMS ASSERTED	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
Trustee Compensation - STEVEN P. KARTZMAN	2100-000	N/A	49,649.04	49,649.04	49,649.04
Attorney for Trustee Fees (Trustee Firm) - MELLINGER, SANDERS & KARTZMAN, LLC	3110-000	N/A	350,703.00	350,703.00	350,703.00
Attorney for Trustee Expenses (Trustee Firm) - MELLINGER KARTZMAN, LLC	3120-000	N/A	5,003.03	5,003.03	5,003.03

Other - WITHUM SMITH & BROWN	3410-000	N/A	3,446.50	3,446.50	3,446.50
Other - WITHUM SMITH & BROWN	3410-000	N/A	6,465.00	6,465.00	6,465.00
Other - HELLRING LINDEMAN GOLDSTEIN & SIEGAL, LLP.	3721-000	N/A	1,744.58	1,744.58	1,744.58
Other - WELLS FARGO	3991-000	N/A	3,444.87	3,444.87	3,444.87
Other - WELLS FARGO	3992-000	N/A	49.00	49.00	49.00
Clerk of the Court Costs (includes adversary and other filing fees) - CLERK -	2700-000	N/A	350.00	350.00	350.00
Clerk of the Court Costs (includes adversary and other filing fees) - CLERK -	2700-000	N/A	350.00	350.00	350.00
Clerk of the Court Costs (includes adversary and other filing fees) - CLERK -	2700-000	N/A	350.00	350.00	350.00
Clerk of the Court Costs (includes adversary and other filing fees) - CLERK -	2700-000	N/A	350.00	350.00	350.00
Other - INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	2300-000	N/A	269.91	269.91	269.91
Other - UNITED STATES TREASURY	2810-000	N/A	5,596.00	5,596.00	5,596.00
Other - STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF TAXATION	2820-000	N/A	1,852.00	1,852.00	1,852.00
Other - INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	2300-000	N/A	237.53	237.53	237.53
<b>TOTAL CHAPTER 7 ADMIN. FEES AND CHARGES</b>		N/A	\$429,860.46	\$429,860.46	\$429,860.46

#### **EXHIBIT 5 –PRIOR CHAPTER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES and CHARGES**

PAYEE	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	CLAIMS SCHEDULED	CLAIMS ASSERTED	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
None					
<b>TOTAL PRIOR CHAPTER ADMIN. FEES AND CHARGES</b>		N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### **EXHIBIT 6 –PRIORITY UNSECURED CLAIMS**

CLAIM NO.	CLAIMANT	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	CLAIMS SCHEDULED (from Form 6E)	CLAIMS ASSERTED (from Proofs of Claim)	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
None						
<b>TOTAL PRIORITY UNSECURED CLAIMS</b>			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**EXHIBIT 7 –GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS**

CLAIM NO.	CLAIMANT	UNIFORM TRAN. CODE	CLAIMS SCHEDULED (from Form 6F)	CLAIMS ASSERTED (from Proofs of Claim)	CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS PAID
1 -2	Aspen Group, Inc. and Aspen University, Inc.	7100-000	N/A	6,688,631.20	888,631.20	498,120.30
2	Patrick Spada	7100-000	N/A	1,200,000.00	0.00	0.00
3	Hands On Technology Transfer, Inc.	7200-000	N/A	1,688,190.50	0.00	0.00
4	Roland Van Liew	7200-000	N/A	1,688,190.50	0.00	0.00
NOTFILED	Aspen Group Inc. c/o Steven M. Kaplan, Esq	7100-000	unknown	N/A	N/A	0.00
NOTFILED	Patrick Spada	7100-000	1,200,000.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
NOTFILED	Gleason, Kreindel, Schuler & Zablow c/o Joseph J. Oliver,	7100-000	570,000.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS</b>			\$1,770,000.00	\$11,265,012.20	\$888,631.20	\$498,120.30

# Form 1

## Individual Estate Property Record and Report

### Asset Cases

Case Number: 15-28724-JKS

Trustee: (500160) STEVEN P. KARTZMAN

Case Name: HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT GROUP,

Filed (f) or Converted (c): 10/03/15 (f)

§341(a) Meeting Date: 11/12/15

Period Ending: 09/03/21

Claims Bar Date: 03/21/17

1 Asset Description (Scheduled And Unscheduled (u) Property) Ref. #	2 Petition/ Unscheduled Values	3 Estimated Net Value (Value Determined By Trustee, Less Liens, Exemptions, and Other Costs)	4 Property Abandoned OA=\$554(a)	5 Sale/Funds Received by the Estate	6 Asset Fully Administered (FA)/ Gross Value of Remaining Assets
1 CHASE BUSINESS ACCOUNT	60.00	0.00		0.00	FA
2 ASPEN UNIVERSITY - CONSULTING FEE	125,000.00	0.00		0.00	FA
3 ASPEN UNIVERSITY - LAWSUIT PENDING BUT STAYED AS A RESULT OF FILING - JEFF NORTON	0.00	0.00		0.00	FA
4 VOID	0.00	0.00		0.00	FA
5 10,500 SHARES IN ASPEN UNIVERSITY (u)	6,125.00	6,125.00		8,271.62	FA
6 AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS (u)	700,000.00	700,000.00		919,690.75	FA
7 INTEREST FROM AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS (u)	Unknown	N/A		18.39	FA
7 Assets Totals (Excluding unknown values)	\$831,185.00	\$706,125.00		\$927,980.76	\$0.00

**Major Activities Affecting Case Closing:**

PROP #6 - TRUSTEE FILED THREE ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS TO AVOID LIENS SO AS TO BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE AND LIQUIDATE SHARES. COL 6  
VALUE AT \$7.00 PER SHARE AFTER REVERSE 12/1 SPLIT.

PROP #6:

ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS WERE FILED IN EARLY 2018:

18-1004 - AGAINST HOTT AND VANLIEW FOR RECOVERY OF 208,333 SHARES IN ASPEN GROUP, SETTLED FOR 67,708 SHARES

18-1079 - AGAINST MOONEY FOR RECOVERY OF 75,658 SHARES IN ASPEN GROUP, SETTLED FOR 20,269 SHARES

18-1081 - AGAINST N. SPADA FOR RECOVERY OF 86,588 SHARES IN ASPEN GROUP, SETTLED FOR 25,977 SHARES

TRUSTEE SOLD ALL STOCK, AND FILED TAX RETURNS.

Initial Projected Date Of Final Report (TFR): June 30, 2018

Current Projected Date Of Final Report (TFR): February 17, 2021 (Actual)

## Form 2

### Cash Receipts And Disbursements Record

Case Number: 15-28724-JKS

Case Name: HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT GROUP,

Trustee: STEVEN P. KARTZMAN (500160)

Bank Name: Mechanics Bank

Account: \*\*\*\*\*7766 - Checking Account

Blanket Bond: \$48,786,725.00 (per case limit)

Taxpayer ID #: \*\*-\*\*\*8069

Period Ending: 09/03/21

Separate Bond: N/A

1 Trans. Date	2 {Ref #} / Check #	3 Paid To / Received From	4 Description of Transaction	T-Code	5 Receipts \$	6 Disbursements \$	7 Checking Account Balance
01/30/20		WELLS FARGO CLEANING SERVICE	STOCK SALES		916,215.23		916,215.23
	{6}		stock sales 919,690.75	1241-000			916,215.23
		WELLS FARGO	payment of fees to Wells Fargo as broker -3,444.87	3991-000			916,215.23
		WELLS FARGO	expenses paid to Wells Fargo as broker -49.00	3992-000			916,215.23
	{7}		interest re: asset #6 18.35	1270-000			916,215.23
02/12/20	101	CLERK - U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of N.J.	FILING FEE ADV PRO 17-1706	2700-000		350.00	915,865.23
02/12/20	102	CLERK - U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of N.J.	FILING FEE ADV PRO 18-1004	2700-000		350.00	915,515.23
02/12/20	103	CLERK - U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of N.J.	FILING FEE ADV PRO 18-1079	2700-000		350.00	915,165.23
02/12/20	104	CLERK - U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of N.J.	FILING FEE ADV PRO 18-1081	2700-000		350.00	914,815.23
02/23/20	105	HELLRING LINDEMAN GOLDSTEIN & SIEGAL, LLP.	FEE (50%) FOR RICHARD B. HONIG, ESQ. MEDIATOR FOR TRUSTEE	3721-000		1,744.58	913,070.65
02/26/20	106	MELLINGER, SANDERS & KARTZMAN, LLC	FEE FOR ATTY TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 12/23/19	3110-000		219,782.00	693,288.65
02/26/20	107	MELLINGER, SANDERS & KARTZMAN, LLC	EXPENSES FOR ATTY TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER 12/23/19	3120-000		3,013.70	690,274.95
03/03/20	108	INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	BOND PREMIUM PAYMENT ON LEDGER BALANCE AS OF 03/03/2020 FOR CASE #15-28724, 2020 Bond Payment - Bond #016026384	2300-000		269.91	690,005.04
03/11/20	{5}	WELLS FARGO CLEARING	PROCEEDS OF SALE OF FINAL 875 SHARES	1229-000	8,271.62		698,276.66
03/20/20	{7}	WELLS FARGO CLEARING	INTEREST ON PROCEEDS OF 875 SHARES	1270-000	0.04		698,276.70
03/31/20		Mechanics Bank	Bank and Technology Services Fee	2600-000		558.04	697,718.66
04/30/20		Mechanics Bank	Bank and Technology Services Fee	2600-000		1,115.20	696,603.46
05/29/20		Mechanics Bank	Bank and Technology Services Fee	2600-000		1,076.30	695,527.16
06/16/20		Mechanics Bank	Bank and Technology Services Fee Adjustment	2600-000		-1,673.24	697,200.40
07/15/20		Mechanics Bank	Bank and Technology Services Fee Adjustment	2600-000		-1,076.30	698,276.70
12/03/20	109	WITHUM SMITH & BROWN	FEE FOR ACCOUNTANT TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 05/22/20	3410-000		6,465.00	691,811.70

Subtotals : \$924,486.89 \$232,675.19

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Trustee: STEVEN P. KARTZMAN (500160)

Bank Name: Mechanics Bank

Account: \*\*\*\*\*7766 - Checking Account

Blanket Bond: \$48,786,725.00 (per case limit)

Separate Bond: N/A

1 Trans. Date	2 {Ref #} / Check #	3 Paid To / Received From	4 Description of Transaction	T-Code	5 Receipts \$	6 Disbursements \$	7 Checking Account Balance
12/14/20	110	MELLINGER KARTZMAN, LLC	FEE FOR ATTY TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 12/03/20	3110-000		35,921.00	655,890.70
12/14/20	111	MELLINGER KARTZMAN, LLC	FEE FOR ATTY TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 12/03/20	3110-000		95,000.00	560,890.70
12/14/20	112	MELLINGER KARTZMAN, LLC	EXPENSES FOR ATTY TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 12/03/20	3120-000		1,989.33	558,901.37
12/29/20	113	UNITED STATES TREASURY	FORM 1120 - PERIOD ENDING 12/31/20 EIN 06-1688069	2810-000		5,596.00	553,305.37
12/29/20	114	STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF TAXATION	FORM CBT-100 PERIOD ENDING 12/31/20; EIN 06-1688069	2820-000		1,852.00	551,453.37
02/02/21	115	INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	BOND PREMIUM PAYMENT ON LEDGER BALANCE AS OF 02/02/2021 FOR CASE #15-28724, BOND #016026384 FOR PERIOD 01/01/21 TO 01/01/22 Voided on 02/02/21	2300-004		237.53	551,215.84
02/02/21	115	INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	BOND PREMIUM PAYMENT ON LEDGER BALANCE AS OF 02/02/2021 FOR CASE #15-28724, BOND #016026384 FOR PERIOD 01/01/21 TO 01/01/22 Voided: check issued on 02/02/21	2300-004		-237.53	551,453.37
02/02/21	116	INTERNATIONAL SURETIES, LTD.	BOND PREMIUM PAYMENT ON LEDGER BALANCE AS OF 02/02/2021 FOR CASE #15-28724, BOND #016026384 FOR PERIOD 01/01/21 TO 01/01/22	2300-000		237.53	551,215.84
03/11/21	117	WITHUM SMITH & BROWN	FEE FOR ACCOUNTANT TO TRUSTEE PER ORDER DATED 03/08/21	3410-000		3,446.50	547,769.34
06/08/21		Transition Transfer Debit	Transition Transfer Debit	9999-000		547,769.34	0.00

<b>ACCOUNT TOTALS</b>	<b>924,486.89</b>	<b>924,486.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Less: Bank Transfers	0.00	547,769.34	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>924,486.89</b>	<b>376,717.55</b>	
Less: Payments to Debtors		0.00	
<b>NET Receipts / Disbursements</b>	<b>\$924,486.89</b>	<b>\$376,717.55</b>	



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**Case Name:** HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT GROUP,

**Taxpayer ID #:** \*\*-\*\*\*8069

**Period Ending:** 09/03/21

**Trustee:** STEVEN P. KARTZMAN (500160)

**Bank Name:** Metropolitan Commercial Bank

**Account:** \*\*\*\*\*3389 - Checking Account

**Blanket Bond:** \$48,786,725.00 (per case limit)

**Separate Bond:** N/A

1 Trans. Date	2 {Ref #} / Check #	3 Paid To / Received From	4 Description of Transaction	T-Code	5 Receipts \$	6 Disbursements \$	7 Checking Account Balance
06/08/21		Transition Transfer Credit	Transition Transfer Credit	9999-000	547,769.34		547,769.34
07/09/21	10118	STEVEN P. KARTZMAN	Dividend paid 100.00% on \$49,649.04, Trustee Compensation; Reference: per Order dated 07/07/21	2100-000		49,649.04	498,120.30
07/09/21	10119	Aspen Group, Inc. and Aspen University, Inc.	Dividend paid 56.05% on \$888,631.20; Claim# 1 -2; Filed: \$6,688,631.20; Reference:	7100-000		498,120.30	0.00

<b>ACCOUNT TOTALS</b>	<b>547,769.34</b>	<b>547,769.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Less: Bank Transfers	547,769.34	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>547,769.34</b>	
Less: Payments to Debtors		0.00	
<b>NET Receipts / Disbursements</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$547,769.34</b>	

Net Receipts :	924,486.89
Plus Gross Adjustments :	3,493.87
Net Estate :	\$927,980.76

TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	Net Receipts	Net Disbursements	Account Balances
Checking # *****7766	924,486.89	376,717.55	0.00
Checking # *****3389	0.00	547,769.34	0.00
	<b>\$924,486.89</b>	<b>\$924,486.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>